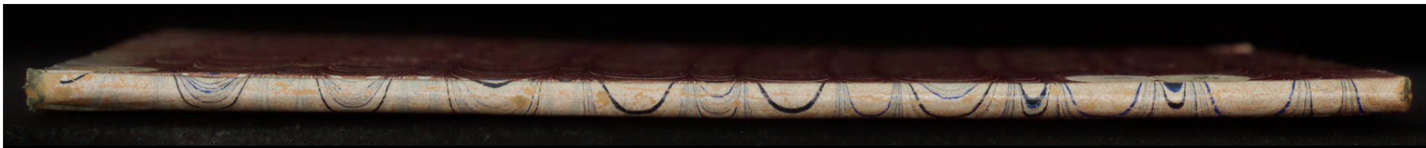
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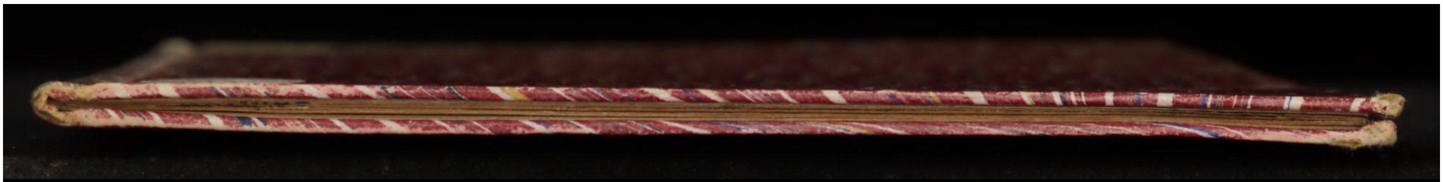


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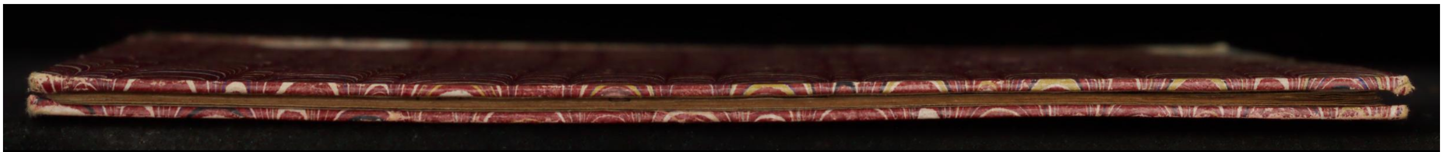
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IN
GRONINGAM
AUSPICIIS & DUCTU FORTISSIMORUM HEROUM,
MAURITII,
Sereniſſimi Arauſionenſium PRINCIPIS,
ET
WILHELMI LUDOVICI
Celſiſſimi Naſſaviæ Comitis,
LIBERATAM,
Legibus aſſertam, & Belgarum Fœderi redditam
Teſtando obſequio & gaudio, ea qua par eſt veneratione,
PERILLUSTRIBUS & PRÆPOTENTIBUS
INCLYTÆ PROVINCIÆ
GRONINGÆ & OMMELANDIÆ
ORDINIBUS
ILLUSTRI & FESTO DIE XV. JULII. ANNO cIↃ. IↃ. CXCIV.
OBLATA
à
JOH: MENSINGA.

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QUæ vena, qui fons nunc vitreus
meam
Sitim recepto ſedat Apolline,
Quæ nunc coruſcis flamma
pennis
Me levat ac celerat per auras.

Num me volucri remige Pegaſus
Præpes ſedentem tollit humo gravi,
Num me diſerto fonte paſcit
Gorgonei Pater ille fontis.

Non fabuloſus nunc facit ad meos
Ales volatus, non Heliconii
Siti levandæ fontis unda
Sufficit ingenii benigna.

Doctis Camœnis ſpiritus altior
Nunc me perurit, nunc coquit igneo
Calore pectus, nunc morantem
Me rapit aſtriferum per orbem.

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Potens ſupremi dextera Numinis,
Vindexque virtus, palmaque nobilis
Canenda plectro ſanctiore,
Ac animis, aliaque vena.

Parentis alti læta benignitas
Dicenda, qui nos explicuit gravi
Jugo gementes, qui reduxit
Nocte jubar procul hinc fugata.

Nox tetra, nocti par Mareoticæ,
Funeſta, terris fæta paluſtribus,
Aut Dite triſti, nube gentes
Ac populos hebetarat una,

Qua nulla terras aut Pharos æquora
Illuminabat, certaque ſidera
Iter negabant æſtuoſum
Per mare, ſollicitosque fluctus,

Noctes ſed inter Cimmerias, graves
Orbi tenebras, ac animis cruces
Lucebat alto miſſa cœlo
Grata piis nova Lucis aura,

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Scintilla veri, quæ radios ſuos
Oppreſſa quamvis, vinctaque compede
Spargebat, ac unam ſalutem
Eſſe datam populos docebat,

Viamque rectam, qua placuit Deo
Merſos profundis ſordibus ac malis
Piare ſontes cæde nati,
Purpurei pretio cruoris.

GANSFORTUS ævi fax & amor ſui,
Lumenque mundi non ſine Numine
Cives docebat cæſpitantes
Hanc ſine fraude viam maligna,

Vigilque vafros Pontificum dolos
Cuſtos notabat, non metuens minas,
Dirumque fulmen, nundinandi
Crimina ſacrilegum pudorem,

Ac illa credens diſcipulis ſuis,
Siticuloſis auribus, ac piis,
Diffudit in ſeros nepotes
Semina, vim Fidei ſalubris.

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At preſſa duris Relligio manus
Pedesque vinclis, grataque gentibus,
Regnisque libertas gemebat,
Indocilis juga ferre iniqua.

Flammas & uncos & decimas graves
Urgebat inſtans ore ferens truci
Edicta judex ac ſatelles
Heſperii truculenta Regis.

Illas ſed inter ſupplicii minas,
Necesque diras, ac juga ahenea
Miſertus injuſtos labores,
Et gemitus Deus ac querelas,

Fortes ad urbis mænia vindices
Miſit GRONINGÆ NASSAVIOS Duces,
Spectata non unis tropæis
Nomina nec moritura faſtis.

His, bellicoſis auſpiciis, manu
Victrice ſemper, belligerantibus
Aſſerta libertas avita,
Urbsque lupis gravibus redemta eſt.

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Pacata mox hæc mænia Fauſtitas
Omnis ſecuta eſt ubere copia,
Pax læta, Pax tranquilla, Fœdus
Perpetuum, Salutare victis,

Contra tyrannos ac dominos graves
Potens tueri Res Batavûm mari,
Terraque, perdurante vinclo,
Ac ſocios populos, & urbes.

Simplex, pudicus, conveniens Deo,
Fontique ſacro, rectus, in omnibus
Cultus probatus, diſſipatis
Sacrilegis, reprobisque ſacris.

Urebat unus pectoris intimas
Ardor medullas Magnanimûm Patrum,
Unus Miniſtrorum ſacrorum,
Perpetua vigilare flamma,

Contaminato ne grege Jupiter
Infernus, inter triticeas opes
Spinas fatigantes opima
Spargeret arva, bonumque ſemen.

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Aurora qualis purpureis equis
Vultu ſereno prodit ab æthere,
Sic auſpicato lux beata
Sidere proveniens refulſit;

Quæ nunc ab annis, lucida fax velut
Centum, repulſa nube reſplenduit,
Et nos gementes veritatis
Læta ſua recreavit aura.

Inter columnas, primaque lumina
ALTINGIANUM nomen honoribus
Illuxit, ut nocturna Phæbe
Igne ſuo redeunte vincit.

Ignes minores, æthereas faces;
Horum auſpicatis inclyta faſcibus
GRONINGA debet, quod neglecta
Juſtitiæ revocata norma,

Grates ut æquas nomine publico
Deo ſacraret primus, ab accolis
Accitus Orator diſertus
Nomine conſimili, domoque.

Horumque curis conſiliantibus
Fundata primum Palladis atria, &
Luci parandæ clariori
Ingeniis celebrata Magnis.

Præclara nec vos lumina Curiæ,
COENDERIANI ſidera ſanguinis
Signata faſtis præteribo
Digna cani graviore plectro,

UBBO nec ævi grande decus tui
Tacende nobis, Res Patriæ tuæ
Æternitati qui ſacraſti
Ore decens, animoque magnus.

Sic illa primum lux nova prodiit,
Sic illa crevit, fætaque candidos
Mores, & artes, & amæna
Tempora, lætitiamque finxit.

At quis ſecundas perpetuo ſibi
Spondebit auras, quis ſibi ſidera
Benigna ſemper, quis ſerenum
Uſque ſibi ſine nube ſolem.

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Clauſo catenis Martis aheneis
Furore triſti, candida Pax opes,
Deſideratas inter arma,
Attulerat locuplete cornu,

Mores pudicos, & niveam Fidem,
Priſcum pudorem, Fas, animum pium,
Paucisque lætum, non ferocem,
Non avidum nimis ac rapacem.

At illa recta ac aurea ſecula
Evanuerunt, Pax eadem ſimul
Corrupit ævum mox ſecutum
Degenerante, gravique cenſu;

Lucri cupido quo malus ac tenax
Creſcebat æſtu, vique cupidinis,
Ut dirus hydrops creſcit hauſtu,
Et ſaturante ſitim liquore,

Mergitque ſeſe; quo pudor & fides
Fugere, luxus quo male prodigus,
Ac eruditus, nil remittens
Vertit opes vitio coactas.

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Quo magna ſæcli laus erat ac velut,
Certamen ingens, an pater ocyus
Opes pararet, vel relictas
Divitias tenuaret heres,

Faſtidiens quo faſtus & impotens,
Quo livor, & vis, & gravis ambitus
Depræliarunt, quo ſupina
Secula non metuere pœnas.

Hæc pacis altæ vulnera non ferens
Deus, ſupremo miſit ab æthere,
Iratus ignes heu verendos,
Ipſe ruens celeri tumultu,

Ædesque ſacras vindice fulmine,
Incendit ira, ſed nihil aut parum
Profecit armis his paternis,
His monitis, levibusque pœnis.

Urbs contumax, urbs ſerva libidini,
Contaminati crimina ſeculi
Caliginoſa mente ſectans
Non metuit gravius flagellum;

Quare ut veternum cordis adulteri,
Cæcosque ſenſus excuteret Deus,
Callumque durum mentis ægræ
Tolleret arte, manuque forti,

Inſenſa Belgis nomina liberis
Horumque ſacris, conſpicuos Duces
Vittis & armis, emta flagra
Miſit in excidium GRONINGÆ.

Formidoloſa Martis imagine,
Ferocientes robore Gallico
Ad alta Patres infulatos
Mœnia, vis, furor, ac cupido

Ducebat ingens. Tela minantia
Mittuntur, & fax miſſilis atria
Subvertit, & ſtantes columnas
Et dominos nova forma Martis

Terret cruenti; jamque neces tumens
Stragemque, & urbis fata noviſſima
Spirabat hoſtis, jam triumphos,
Juſque datum ſceleri nefando;

Sed

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Sed robur & vis Martia civium,
Hoſtem pudendo vulnere reppulit,
Qui ſtrage feſſus terga vertit,
Ludibrium populis daturus.

Curru triumphum Rumor eburneo
Præpes per orbem ſpargit & inclytum,
Robur GRONINGANUM, decusque,
Elogio celebrat perenni.

Merſum profundo ſed populum luto
Cupiditatum, nec mala, munera
Nec ulla frangebant rebellem,
Et ſtudiis male pertinacem.

Quare procellas armat, & evocat,
Auxiliares Oceani manus,
Ut æſtuantes mittat undas
Arva ſuper, populumque mergat;

Quæ præliatrix pœna nocentior
Martis flagello, ſontibus ultimam,
Peſtem minari viſa cunctis,
Exitium populis & arvis.

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Sed nec furentis prælia Nerei
Imis ab antris fluctibus excitis
Quicquam juvabant, nec pudendos
Hos poterant abolere mores.

Dic? quid relictum eſt, ſi potes, ô mea
GRONINGA; dic? ô, quid precor amplius
Vindex paternus corrigendis
Adderet his maculis, probriſque.

Quid ergo reſtat, quid? niſi mox tua
Delicta plores, dum datur, ac malos,
Sonteſque mores execreris,
Ac redimas precibus piandos.

Patrem probavit; quin cave militem
Ne ſæviorem ſe probet, ac trucem,
Tandem ergo Patrem nil morantes
Corde humili veneremur omnes.

Eductus enſis nos monet ac vocat,
Conducta Celtæ ſæva novacula,
Flammis & armis fœderatos
Heu populos miſerè flagellans.

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Læto recurrens ſidere ſeculum,
Mores avitos ſuadet & æmulos,
Paciſque ſpondet fida nobis
Tempora lætitiamque veram.

Horas quadrigis currere candidis
Videre ſeclum jam videor novum,
Tritumque callem, jam ſereno
Ore ſuum peragrare penſum.

FINIS.

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